

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF NEBRASKA

In the Matter of Black Hills / Nebraska)
Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black)
Hills Energy, Omaha, seeking a General)
Rate Increase for Black Hills Energy's)
Rate Areas One, Two and Three)
(Consolidated).

Docket No. NG-0061

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PETITION OF FORMAL INTERVENTION OF SOURCEGAS DISTRIBUTION LLC

SourceGas Distribution LLC ("SourceGas Distribution"), pursuant to the provisions of Section 15 of the Rules of Commission Procedure, Neb. Admin. Code, Title 291, Chapter 1, promulgated by the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission"), hereby petitions to formally intervene in the above-captioned matter.

I.

The persons to whom all communications concerning this matter are to be addressed are:

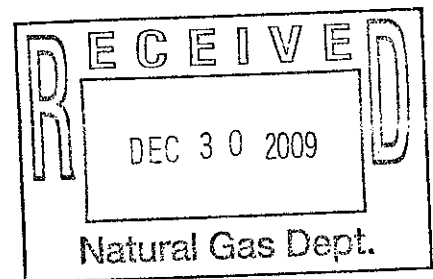
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II.

SourceGas Distribution provides natural gas service at retail in Nebraska to approximately 90,000 customers in the western two-thirds of the state. SourceGas Distribution is the natural gas local distribution company for approximately 183 municipalities in Nebraska.

III.

Like SourceGas Distribution, Applicant Black Hills / Nebraska Gas Utility Company, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy ("Black Hills") is a jurisdictional utility subject to the regulation of the Commission pursuant to the State Natural Gas Regulation Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1801 et seq (the "Act"). SourceGas Distribution requests participation in this proceeding because it has a direct interest in the Commission's investigation and resultant rulings, which may determine regulatory principles affecting SourceGas Distribution, as a jurisdictional utility.

Prior general rate proceedings before the Commission have resulted in disputes between jurisdictional utilities and other interested parties regarding the proper interpretation of various ratemaking principles to be applied pursuant to the Act. Because Commission decisions in this regard may be binding upon or otherwise affect jurisdictional utilities in future general rate proceedings, SourceGas Distribution has a direct interest in these proceedings.


For those reasons, the interest of SourceGas Distribution cannot be adequately represented by any other party to this proceeding and the formal intervention and participation of SourceGas Distribution in this proceeding is in the public interest. Further, the participation of SourceGas Distribution in this proceeding will not prejudice the rights of any party.

WHEREFORE, for all of the foregoing reasons, SourceGas Distribution requests that it be permitted to formally intervene in these proceedings, with all rights associated therewith.

DATED: December 29, 2009.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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